

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM THE CHIEFS OF SECTIONS, OFFICE OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, STATE DEPARTMENT

1. EUROPE

Regarding your inquiry as to the usefulness of the FBIB Daily Report to the Division of Research for Europe, I cannot emphasize too strongly the need for this service nor its value to the research and intelligence function of the Division.

As you know, the research and intelligence program demands that our analysts be au courant with daily developments in each country of Europe. Of the limited sources available for daily coverage of European news and information, it is significant that in all instances the Daily Report of Foreign Radio Broadcasts furnishes information 24 hours earlier than the Department of State telegrams, and from 10 days to one month earlier than the foreign press. The report also gives the information in greater detail than is given by either the State Department cables or the American press. For example, such items as election returns, the composition of European governments, and key speeches by political leaders, arrive so late through other channels and, in the case of newspapers, appear in such condensed form, that their value is negligible. In addition, it provides full texts of important official statements, diplomatic notes, ministerial communiques, etc., which are not obtainable from any other source.

I should say that the most conclusive evidence supporting the continuance of the Daily Report may be found by examination of the footnotes, excerpts, etc., in the research and intelligence reports prepared by DRE.

2. NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST

The monitoring reports issued by FBIB have been very valuable sources of information for this Division, both because we receive intelligence through this medium more rapidly than through any other channel and because intelligence contained in the monitoring reports does not in many cases reach us through other media.

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